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SUBJECT : **Alleged Liaison Between East African and American Communists**

Superintendent of Mombasa Police, Cyril James CHILD, states that local police believe that one H. V. CHARLES, an intelligent and well educated negro presently in Mombasa, has been receiving from American negroes on the ships of the FAUREL line small quantities of Communist propaganda.

Superintendent Child alleges as well that Charles for some years has been in contact with Paul ROBESON, Jr., son of the well known American Communist-liaison. Child apparently does not know, however, where Paul Robeson Jr. now is or with what subjects the correspondence has been concerned. Reportedly Charles is also in correspondence with one Fred MAC IAREN, described by Child as a well known Communist agent in Britain.

Of incidental interest are the facts that Charles has been refused a passport by the Kenya Government, requested by Charles to enable him to go to England to study law, and that Charles, who asserts that his father was an American negro missionary in Uganda, has called at this office concerning his desire to establish United States citizenship. In his conversation with me, he appeared, as might well be understood, to be extremely resentful of the inferior role assigned to members of the Negro race in Kenya.

It is also perhaps noteworthy that Charles has recently been arrested on a non-political charge of cement stealing.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

It would be appreciated if any information which might be of value to the Kenya Police in substantiating or discounting the allegations reported above could be furnished this office for transmission to the Kenya Police.

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